AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following new paragraphs after original paragraph **[0031]** and before original paragraph **[0032]**:

FIGURES 5 and 6 illustrate a fluid line connector assembly **200** that is substantially identical to connector assembly **100** discussed hereinbefore. Fluid line connector assembly **200** includes a length of flexible thin-walled flexible tubing **210** with opposing ends **212**, a flare nut **220**, and a swivel fitting assembly **240** retained on each of the ends. Tubing ends **212** include a journal portion **214** and a flare portion **216**. Tubing corrugations **218** extend helically along the length of flexible tubing between tubing ends **212**. A central axis **AX** is defined by and extends along tubing **210**.

As can be better seen in FIGURE 6, flare nut **220** includes a threaded end **222** and a strain-relief end **224**. A journal passage **226** extends generally centrally through the flare nut and is cooperable with journal portion **214** of tubing end **212** such that the flare nut is received on the tubing end and can rotate relative thereto. An annular recess **228** extends into the flare nut from strain-relief end **224**. Flare nut **220** is oriented on the tubing end such that annular recess **228** receives at least a portion of one or more helical corrugations **218**. A plurality of female threads **230** extend inwardly from threaded end **222** opposite strain-relief end **224**. A flare seating surface **232** extends radially outwardly in a frustoconical manner from journal passage **226** toward female threads **230**. The flare seating surface is adapted to cooperate with flare portion **216** of tubing end **212**. Wrench flats **234** are disposed along the exterior of flare nut **220**.

Swivel fitting assembly **240** includes a base fitting **241** that has a tube-engaging end **242** and a connection end **244**. A passage **246** extends generally centrally through the base fitting between the opposing ends thereof. The tube-engaging end includes a plurality of male threads **248** that threadably engage female threads **230** of flare nut **220**. A flare-engaging surface **250** extends from the tube-engaging end toward the male threads. Opposite the tube-engaging end at connection end **244**, a generally cylindrical shoulder portion **252** is provided inwardly of the connection end. A retaining ring groove

254 extends radially inwardly along shoulder portion **252**. A sealing portion **256** is provided axially outwardly of shoulder portion **252**. A plurality of wrench flats **258** extend along the outside of base fitting **241** for the tightening thereof into flare nut. **220**.

Threaded end cap **260** has a passage **262** extending therethrough. The passage includes a bearing surface **264**, a sealing surface **266** and a plurality of female threads **268**. A plurality of male threads **270** extend along the exterior of the threaded end cap, and wrench flats **272** are provided for torsionally rotating the threaded end cap to connect to a fluid transmission line or appliance. Bearing surface **264** is cooperable with shoulder portion **252** of the base fitting such that the threaded end cap will rotate relative thereto, as indicated by arrows **RO**. A retaining ring groove **274** extends radially outwardly from bearing surface **264**. Threaded end cap **260** is supported on base fitting **240** such that retaining ring grooves **254** and **274** are axially aligned radially opposite one another for each to receive at least a portion of a retaining ring **280**, that axially retains the threaded end cap on the base fitting while allowing the threaded end cap to remain freely rotatable relative thereto, again as indicated by arrows **RO**. A sealing member, such as o-ring **282**, for example, is compressively positioned between the sealing portion of the base fitting and the sealing surface of the threaded end cap to form a fluid-tight seal therebetween.

Please amend original paragraph **[0032]** as follows:

[0032] ~~FIGURES 5 and 6 illustrate a fluid line connector assembly **200** that is substantially identical to connector assembly **100** discussed hereinbefore. However, connector~~ Connector assembly **200** further includes a braided sheath **290** and a coating layer **292** disposed along the exterior of the tubing. An inner collar **294** is supported on journal portion **214** axially inwardly of flare nut **220**. At least a portion of braided sheath **290** extends along the exterior of each inner collar **294** and a braid retaining collar **296** is positioned radially outwardly of each inner collar and crimped or otherwise deflected radially inwardly to secure the end of the braided sheath therebetween. Additionally, coating layer **292** may be provided along the exterior of the braided sheath and portions of the flare nut to provide improved cleanability and other benefits as may be desired in certain applications. The coating layer is formed from a flexible plastic material, preferably plasticized polyvinylchloride. However, a variety of other suitable flexible materials can be used, such as polyethylene or synthetic rubber, for example. It should be appreciated, however, that the coating layer is optional in the embodiment illustrated in FIGURES 5 and 6.